S.No.	Zone	Name of the Project
9.	Southern	Doubling of Track between Yesvantpur and Tumkur (64 kms).
10.	South Central	Construction of new Broad Gauge line from Bidar to Gulbarga (116 kms).
11.	South Central	Construction of new Broad Gauge line from Gadwal to Raichur (60.26 kms).

Damaging of Railway Tracks between Delhi and Ambala

2002. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether heavy damage of railway tracks on the Delhi-Ambala Section was reported in the recent past;

(b) whether such serious damage led to cancellation/diversion of prestigious trains for 20 days, resulting into heavy financial losses to Railways;

(c) whether such serious damage was due to running of locomotives with flattened wheels;

(d) whether running of such locomotives affects running speed and sound on tracks from mechanical study; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken against locomotive drivers responsible for (b) above and avoid inconvenience to the passengers in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The damage was triggered by the passenger of a locomotive with skidded wheels which was allowed to run in this condition due to failure on part of some of the staff to detect and take timely preventive action.

(d) Yes, Sir. Running of a locomotive with flat wheel produces abnormal sound. However, it does not on its own reduce the running speed.

(e) Based on the recommendation and conclusions of the enquiry committee, Disciplinary Action against the locomotive driver has been initiated for failure to abide by rules and instructions. Instructions have been reiterated to all the concerned staff to be alert and look for any such wheel flats on rolling stock.

Laying New Rail Lines in Maharashtra

2003. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some proposals from the Maharashtra Government and various State Governments for laying new rail lines;

(b) whether these proposals have been accommodated in Railway Budget for 1999-2000; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Demands for 4 new line projects and for speeding up one project have been received from the Chief

Minister, Maharashtra. The position is as under:—

Name of Project :

(i) Dhule to Nardana.

Present Status

A survey for construction of Dhule-Nardana new line with extension to Shirpur was completed in September 1997. The survey revealed that the cost of the 106 kms. line would be Rs. 185 crores with a negative rate of return. In view of the grossly unremunerative nature of the line and the acute constraint of resources, it has not been found possible to consider taking up the project.

Name of the Project:

(ii) Warora — Umrer via Chimur.

Present Status:

A survey for construction of new line from Warora-Umrer via Chimur was completed in August 1995. The survey revealed that the cost of the 106 kms. line with electrification would be Rs. 184 crores with a negative rate of return. In view of the grossly unremunerative nature of the line and the acute constraint of resources, it has not been found possible to consider taking up the project.

Name of the Project:

(iii) Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath.

Present status:

This is a sanctioned work which has received the requisite clearances. Final Location Survey together with construction of station building at Beed are in progress. The work would be taken up after the land is made availabe by the State Government.

Name of the Project:

(iv) Kalyan-Ahmednagar via Murbad.

Present status:

A survey for this line is already in progress and the report is expected later this year. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Name of the Project:

(v) Amravati-Narkhed.

Present status:

Land acquisition and earthwork are in progress. 70% of the land has been acquired. Construction of new station building at Amravati is also in progress. The work would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Information regarding demands from other State Governments is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bridge over Brahmaputra at Bogibill

2004. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total estimate for the bridge over Brahmaputra at Bogibill;

(b) by when construction of the bridge is likely to begin and be completed; and

(c) what amount is being fixed for construction of the bridge in the current year, 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The present estimated cost is Rs. 1000 crores approximately.

(b) Detailed survey including model studies are in progress. The work will be started as soon as the alignment is finalised and land has been acquired. No target date has yet been fixed.

(c) Rs. 5 crores.